

## **Subject: Tribal Consultation Workshop**

To The Parties Addressed:

We will hold a workshop this fall to orient hydropower license applicants on effective consultation with Indian tribes. At the workshop we will review the Licensee's and Commission's responsibility to ensure that the interests of Indian tribes are considered when preparing and processing license applications. We will concentrate on identifying methods to improve our overall consultation process with Indian tribes, and discuss practices and strategies that have resulted in successful Tribal consultation. We propose to discuss the concepts of Tribal relations with applicants and the Commission, and consulting with Indian tribes. The main objectives are to:

- Review the Commission's responsibilities for implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800).
- Explain the responsibilities of the Licensees for compliance with Section 106.
- Explain what is needed for the Commission to successfully conclude the Section 106 process involving the licensing process.
- Define the roles of the Commission, Licensee, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), State Historic Preservation Officer, federal land managers, and Indian tribes.
- Raise awareness of Tribal interests and discuss what Indian tribes consider adequate consultation.
- Provide practical tips and suggestions for working with Indian tribes.

In the end, we will make the case that effective consultation with involved Indian tribes, along with the other consulting parties, can be achieved early in the licensing process—often prior to filing the license application.

To assist with the interactive workshop a representative from the ACHP will discuss the role of agencies in carrying out their responsibilities to Indian tribes in the Section 106 review process. In addition, representatives from utility companies have agreed to share their Tribal consultation experiences.

Attendance at the workshop will be beneficial for licensee staff who deal with cultural resource issues during licensing and on an ongoing basis. We welcome participation from the attendees. There will be ample opportunity for discussion and questions.

You have received this letter because your company has a pending application for license, or will apply for a new license in the near future. This topic is very important and we encourage attendance by your staff. If you have suggestions for meeting locations or a time that is most convenient for you or your staff, please contact John Costello at (202) 502-6119 or e-mail at [john.costello@ferc.gov](mailto:john.costello@ferc.gov). After we hear from you, we will contact you with information about the location and date of the workshop. In addition, information about the workshop, including an agenda, and other relevant material will be available on the Commission's web site at [http://www.ferc.gov/hydro/docs/tribal\\_consultation\\_workshop.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/hydro/docs/tribal_consultation_workshop.htm).

Sincerely,

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